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SORTED MAIL AND METHOD THEREFOR

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2002, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Each dispatch subsystem 22 includes one or more transport mechanisms 50. Each transport mechanism 50 transports containers from one of the spurs 44 to a cart 52 positioned subjacent to the associated spur (Figs. 6 and 7). Each transport mechanism 50 includes an extendable support member 54 (Fig. 7) which retrieves containers from the associated spur and which inserts the containers into the associated cart 52. Transport mechanism 50 additionally includes a vertical lift 56 which moves support member 54 between the vertical level of the associated spur 44 and the vertical level of the associated cart 52. Vertical lift 56 includes a pair of vertically oriented beams 58 and a trolley 60 which is supported for traveling along the length of beams 58 (Figs. 8 and 9). A plurality of spaced apart sheaves 62 rotatably supports a